

"Potty Talk"

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

TOGETHER MEN & WOMEN CAN END VIOLENCE

Rapes and sexual assaults of men and women are often called "silent epidemics" because they occur at high rates, yet are rarely reported to the authorities (Koss, 1988). Several reasons contribute to this underreporting—including, fear that they will not be believed, that they will be blamed, or will be derogated or shamed.

- On college campuses at least **85% of rapes and sexual assaults** occur by acquaintances—people you live in the dorms with, go to class with, meet at a party, etc.
- Also, at least **90% of college sexual assaults** involve the use of alcohol by one or both people

Santa Clara University wants to do everything possible to ensure your safety and well being. We encourage you to report ANY crimes to Campus Safety to help us keep accurate statistics & help keep our campus SAFE for everyone. Please, educate yourself and others and join us this month in support of education and prevention on campus. Help "Break the Silence", support yourself and other survivors.

The Clothesline Project On Display in Benson all month!



The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to violence against men & women in all forms and **CELEBRATES** their personal transformation from victim to survivor.

Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular man or woman's experience of violence.

- **WHITE** shirts are for people who have died in violence
- **YELLOW** or **BEIGE** for people who have been battered or assaulted
- **RED, PINK, or ORANGE** for survivors of rape/sexual assault
- **BLUE** or **GREEN** for survivors of incest or child sexual abuse
- **PURPLE** or **LAVENDER** for people attacked because of their sexual orientation

If you want to DECORATE A T-SHIRT come to:

Clothesline Project T-shirt Making Days

April 4th, 11th, & 18th

11:00 – 1:00 PM

Benson Center—Conference Room 11

WHAT IS CONSENT?

"CONSENT is based on **CHOICE**.

Consent is **ACTIVE** not passive.

Consent is possible **ONLY** when there is **EQUAL POWER**.

GIVING IN because of **FEAR** is **NOT CONSENT**.

GOING ALONG with something because of **WANTING TO FIT IN** with the group, **BEING DECEIVED** or **FEELING BAD** is **NOT CONSENT**.

If you **cannot say "NO"** comfortably, then **"YES"** has **NO MEANING**.

If you are **unwilling to accept a "NO,"** then **"YES"** has **NO MEANING"**.

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"NO" MEANS NO!!

NO!

"Not Now" means NO.

"Maybe Later" means NO.

"I Have A Boy/Girlfriend" means NO.

"No Thanks" means NO.

"You're Not My Type" means NO.

"#&!% Off!" means NO.

"I'd Rather Be Alone Right Now" means NO.

"Don't Touch Me" means NO.

"I Really Like You But ..." means NO.

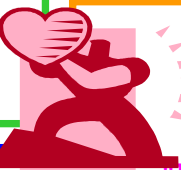
"Let's Just Go To Sleep" means NO.

"I'm Not Sure" means NO.

"You've/I've Been Drinking" means NO.

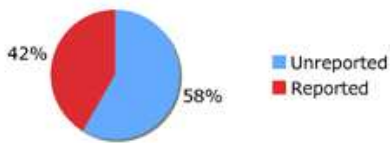
SILENCE means NO.

Date Rape = Not Understanding "NO."



Sexual Assaults are the MOST underreported crimes BREAK THE SILENCE

Percentage of Sexual Assaults Reported to Police (based on a statistical average of the past 5 years)



Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes, with more than half still being left unreported.

Young females are four times more likely than any other group to be the victims of sexual assault, and the least likely to report.

**REPORT ALL CRIMES TO
CAMPUS SAFETY 554-4444**

Information found at <http://www.rainn.org/statistics/index.html>

Know the Facts: Was it Rape/Assault or Not??

- She was flirting with me all night. She kissed me/dressed provocatively/danced close, etc. all night long! She wanted it! Women, like men, enjoy flirting. But don't confuse this for an invitation to have sex. If you think you are getting double messages—SPEAK UP, just ask the person what they want. If they are too drunk to really think straight and answer—BACK OFF!! **ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CONSENT! A person CAN NOT legally give consent if intoxicated.**
- If she hadn't really wanted it she could have stopped me. Men are generally much bigger and stronger than women. Men's physical presence can be very intimidating and scary to women. Please check the woman's level of sobriety and body language. If you have any doubts ask or back off.
- We didn't actually have sex (i.e., intercourse) Sexual assault does not have to include physical intercourse. It includes any type of unwanted touching, kissing, fondling, etc.
- I was drunk too so it's not my fault. Just like if you drive drunk, steal drunk, or vandalize drunk --- you are responsible for your actions regardless of how much you drink.

